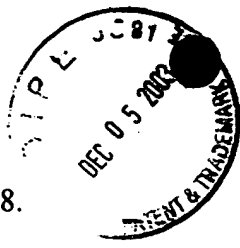


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In re Application of:

SEIJI HASHIMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/299,874

Filed: April 27, 1999

For: ARRANGEMENT OF  
CIRCUITS IN PIXELS,  
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BY A PLURALITY OF  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 8.

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